

Walter Johnson May Be Unable to Pitch Opening Games Because of Sore Arm

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WALTER JOHNSON EASY FOR ATHLETICS

Griffith's Players Made Many Mistakes Which Proved to Be Disastrous.

By "SENATOR."

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—The opening game of the season of 1912 was disastrous defeat for the Nationals to the tune of 4 to 2. This score doesn't look bad, friends, Romans, and countrymen, but as the game was played the Nationals never had a chance to do a single little thing. In the first place, Walter Johnson was hardly a puzzle for the far-famed sluggers of the Mackerels, who bunched their bingles when they could be made to count for something. Then, too, the Nationals' misplays counted severely against them, particularly Johnson's. He pitched heavy to the middle pastures. This alone allowed two runs to score. "Iron Man" Coombs had plenty of speed and excellent control when both of these things were most needed, and he kept the visiting hitmen without a bingle until the eighth inning had commenced. The champions gave him good support and choked off all attempts of the Nationals to connect with the going bases until the victory had been placed on the shelf in the eighth session.

Special Opening Features.

Being the first game of the campaign there were unusual ceremonies attendant upon the occasion. Mayor Blankenberg put a lot of stuff in the ball as he tossed it to "Silk" O'Loughlin in the face of a dozen alert and expert camera men. But that came after Schaefer had proved himself the real thing in the line of exhibitions from the wilds of Borneo. There is a general sameness about these openings of baseball seasons, and without the Nationals' famed pitcher yesterday's opening would have been dead. But Herman saved the day and put himself in solid with the Phillys bugs. Before the order came for the formation of the procession to center field and the flag raising, Schaefer dressed up in catcher's mask, chest protector and shin guards. But he put them all on backwards, greatly to the enjoyment of the rooters. He was the one bright figure in the stately stroll to the middle garden.

Griffith Greets Umpire.

The formalities of the occasion included Clark Griffith's first and last friendly greeting of an umpire for the season of 1912. When he met "Silk" O'Loughlin the Nationals' leader was seen to give him a hearty handshake with the right hand. The left was clenched and the right followed suit as soon as the shake was done. Both will remain clenched from now till the opening of the 1913 campaign.

But the game!

Well, the world's champions grew extremely busy in the opening frame, corralling one tally on two bingles. With Strunk gone "Kube" Oldring splashed a Texas Leaguer out of the reach of Jack Knight and took one more while Knight was getting Collins at first. Amid deafening applause from the entire throng of fans in the park J. Franklin Baker took his place at the platter and then punched one to right field just over the reach of Knight. Oldring sprinting from second and over the dish for the first run of the season Johnson opened up a couple of valves and fanned Danny Murphy.

Not again till the fifth did the Athletics grab any.

Johnson blamed himself for them. Coombs first man up, binged a bingle to center field. Johnson dashed in, scored Ames Strunk's little teaser on the third base line and, trying to get Coombs at second, hurried the ball into play. He was both Mackerels scored, Strunk showing a fancy turn of speed.

Champs Get Final Run.

In the sixth the final run came over for the champions. With one down Jack Barry clouted a pretty double to center and roomed over when the ball was caught by second single, this one going to right field. Yes, it did look soft for the champs.

For seven long innings the Nationals were unable to get a hit.

The generosity of Jack Coombs had let three different men reach second, but not till the eighth did the first hit show itself. The tantalizing delivery of the Colby collection with Schaefer down Tom Moeller, who played a smooth game in the garden all afternoon, stung the pill for a single to right. He hustled to third when Jack Flynn found one to his liking and planted it over Strunk's head and up against the in-cline for two sacks. Knight couldn't punch one past Coombs, and McInnes thought he could relay the pill to second to catch Flynn napping. He didn't get too former Pirate asleep, and while the ball was in the air Dan Moeller took a chance and scored. It was good leadwork and fast footwork on the part of the gambler.

The score, inning by inning, and result:

WASHINGTON	PHILADELPHIA
RHOAE	RHOAE
Strunk, cf., 0 0 2 0	Strunk, cf., 1 0 2 0
Schaefer, p., 0 1 0 0	Schaefer, p., 0 1 0 0
Moeller, lf., 1 1 0 0	Moeller, lf., 0 0 0 0
Flynn, lb., 1 1 1 1	Baker, 2b., 0 1 1 0
Knight, 2b., 0 0 2 0	Murphy, 1b., 0 1 1 0
McInnes, 3b., 0 0 1 0	McInnes, 1b., 0 0 1 0
Foster, 3b., 0 1 0 0	Barry, ss., 0 0 1 0
Ames, 1b., 0 0 0 0	Lamp, c., 0 0 1 0
Johnson, p., 0 0 0 0	Coombs, p., 1 2 2 1
Williams, 0 0 0 0	Totals, 4 6 7 12 5

Two-base hits—Barry and Flynn. Left on base—Washington, 11; Philadelphia, 7. First base on errors—Washington, 2; Philadelphia, 1. Umpires—Messrs. O'Loughlin and Weaver. Time of game—2 hours and 2 minutes.

Keeley to Lead.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Bert Keeley, former pitcher for the Washington American League team and later with the Omaha team in the Western League, has signed as playing manager for the Chicago club of the United States League.

JOHNSON'S PITCHING ARM FEELS EFFECT OF HARD STRAIN

Trainer Martin Called to Treat Great Pitcher for Lameness.

By "SENATOR."

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—That Walter Johnson's "Washington" start twirler, may not be in superb condition, and may be unable to open the series in New York Monday, or the home season next Thursday, is worrying Manager Griffith. Yesterday Johnson worked a full game for the first time, and while he pitched fair ball, he was no real mystery to the world's champions. Furthermore, the strain of the contest caused Trainer Martin to be hastily summoned to his room last night for attention to his injury.

Martin examined Johnson's arm, and while he declines to say much about it, he worked on it for an hour. The extra effort of twirling the nine innings without previous practice over the long route, has caused lameness, and Griffith will have Johnson rest until Monday's game in New York. If Johnson recovers in time, he will be sent against the Yankees. If not, Groom may be the choice.

"I would say that Walter just needs to rest his arm," said Trainer Martin today. "The season is young yet, and nine innings in a cool breeze just stiffened it up a bit. I think he'll be all right in a day or so."

There are signs of a mild insurrection in the ranks of the Washington team. This season all the clubs in the American League dress at the parks. The visitors are given car fare to and from the park, but few of them take the cars preferring to go in taxicabs to save time and bother. The innovation is fine for the club, saving considerable in expense, but is decidedly unpopular with the athletes. Also, it is possible that tie-ups on the cars may bring some of them to the park late to play some of these days. Yesterday five of them narrowly escaped being caught in a tie up. The new plan of the Washington team is to get the right cars to the ball park, and all in all, the new system is not making much of a hit.

Unless Manager Griffith changes his mind, between now and tomorrow night the Nationals will depart from the land of William Penn at 10:14 Sunday morning for New York. It was originally intended to leave Saturday night at 9 o'clock, but the change to Sunday morning seems to be profane for Griffith. This will get them into the metropolis in time for luncheon.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Boost."

Well, Walter lost it.

Walter Johnson's wild heave practically lost whatever chance the Nationals had to win yesterday. The downfall of Griffith's team may also be attributed to the inability to hit. It is more than gratifying to note, however, that Foster and Moeller, the youngsters, each got a hit.

"Red" Walker chased.

"Red" Walker holds the unenviable honor of being the first player to be banished from the field this season. He was ordered from "Silk" O'Loughlin in yesterday's contest. Walter Johnson was strong on the protest, and registered kick after kick, saying that "Silk" was unable to see them.

Bush signs and plays.

Not only is "Kid" Elberfeld coming back, but one or two of the old-timers showed yesterday that their lamps are far from dim. Mike Donlin got two hits, Callahan practically won the game for Chicago with three safeties, and Cravath, playing for Sherwood Magee, on the Phillys, got three safe ones yesterday.

Joe Jackson gets going.

Washington will have the distinction of having two former league players as managers of the United States League teams. Our own George Browne is here with the Washington outlaw team, and Bert Keeley, former pitcher under Cammie, is slated to take care of the Chicago team. Keeley was one of the smallest pitchers to make an appearance in the big leagues.

"Cal" still coming back.

"Home Run" Baker's first hit of the season, his first time at the bat, was a line drive to the right field fence. Fast fielding held him at first. Athletics went wild when their idol responded with one of his old-time and never-to-be-forgotten wallops.

Hoppe is champion.

"Pop" Langan, the veteran coach of the University of Virginia track team, showed his worth by romping off with the Southern intercollegiate title yesterday. His track team broke three State records, and bids fair in another year to rank with the best in the country. The team has a number of youngsters, among them Gooch, who did nearly twenty-three feet in the broad jump.

Bert Keeley manages.

A line may be gotten on the strength of the Central High School track team after tomorrow's performance in the interscholastic track meet at Charlottesville. Tome, always strong in track, is there with a number of stars, and is expected to win the meet. Central's performance will be watched with interest. Captain Reuter is not with the team.

Virginia wins meet.

Lively interest is being manifested in the coming Marlboro and Pimlico race meetings. The promise of fair weather and many exceptionally good horses to be entered is meeting with favor among the number of followers of the horses in the District.

Griffith kicks on decisions.

A number of golfers will probably enter the Atlantic City annual spring tourney to be held April 23 to 27. The Country Club has offered twelve cups to become the property of the winners at the tourney. Chevy Chase, the Columbia Club, and the Washington Country Club will more than likely send representatives.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB WILL OPEN COUNTRY CLUB MONDAY NIGHT

Plans for Season's Activities to Be Outlined By Board.

By HARRY WARD.

The country home of the Automobile Club of Washington will be opened for the season Monday night. At the same time the board of governors will meet to complete the arrangements for the club's sociality run May 18. Capt. Rudolph Jose and Lieut. Gardner Orme have outlined the plans for the run, and it is expected they will be approved by the board. "With the opening of the club house," said W. C. Long, chairman of the entertainment committee, "the club begins its season's activities. We have planned many things for the entertainers of the members, and the outlook is the organization will have a most successful season."

A number of applications for membership are on file, and these will be acted on Monday night. That spring brings out the motorcyclists is pretty much in evidence in nearly every city of the United States. About this time of the year they are the most active of sportsmen and rival the baseball fans in their enthusiasm. Many of them are also followers of the national game, but they cling to motorcycling, inasmuch as it combines both sport and recreation. It's just a "twist of the wrist," and the motorcyclist is on his way. During the spring and summer he will be seen riding in the city, through the country, across the State or making coast-to-coast journeys.

Automobile manufacturers interested in the racing game are much encouraged over the selection of Milwaukee as the scene of the two big automobile classes—the Vanderbilt and the Grand Prix races. The scarcity of applications for racing dates made the racing outlook for 1912 very gloomy, and the fact that Savannah declined to stage the two big events left the season's prospects far from encouraging. It is not expected that racing in 1912 will approach that of former years, but with Old Orchard and Galveston added to the schedule, and the two big road contests awarded, there is every reason to anticipate an interesting season. Although the contest board of the Automobile Club of America has not formally passed upon the Milwaukee award, it is not likely that any trouble will come from that direction. If the protection guarantees are satisfactory there is no reason for anything except favorable action by the A. C. A. and A. A. authorities.

SEVEN WASHINGTON FENCERS TO BE IN AMATEUR TOURNEY

This City Well Represented In Dueling and Saber Classic.

Washington will send seven entries to the national championship fencing tournament of the Amateur Fencers of America, to be held in New York, April 26 and 27, being represented by who competed for the Jusseland competition held last week.

The Washington fencers are daily practicing at the Washington Fencers' Club, under direction of Maitre d'Armes Francois Darrieulat, and will be sent to the Olympiad should they prove successful in the championships held here. The qualifying rounds will be held at the New York Fencing Club on the night of April 26, and the finals in foil, dueling swords, and sabers will be held at the Hotel Astor on Saturday night, April 27.

Each section of the Amateur Fencers of America is allowed to nominate entrants for the championship events, and Washington has selected the following: Foils competition, Dr. S. W. Breckenridge, Lieut. O. N. Sahlberg, and R. C. Macnell; dueling swords, G. B. Willis, Dr. S. W. Breckenridge, and Lieut. O. N. Sahlberg; sabers, Lieut. D. D. Pullen, Lieut. G. Patton, and Tod Ford, Jr. Every hope is held out that the Washington fencers will be able to win out in the New York championships, as every fencer of note will enter the fray. The preliminary bouts to be held on the first night will mean many hard struggles, and the Washington men are giving their time in preparation for the events.

Minor League Results.

Southern League.

At Atlanta—Atlanta, 7; Chattanooga, 3. At Memphis—Nashville, 5; Memphis, 1. At Birmingham—Montgomery, 4; Birmingham, 1. At New Orleans—Mobile, 6; New Orleans, 9.

American Association.

At Toledo—Toledo, 8; Milwaukee, 1. At Columbus—Columbus, 16; Kansas City, 4. At Indianapolis—St. Paul, 5; Indianapolis, 4. At Louisville—Minneapolis, 12; Louisville, 9.

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Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

STANDINGS.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Washington	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000

Games Today.

Washington at Philadelphia.
Boston at New York.
Detroit at Cleveland.
St. Louis at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.

Philadelphia	4	Cleveland	3
Washington	2	Detroit	2

Boston	5	Chicago	6
New York	3	St. Louis	2

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

STANDINGS.	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000
Chicago	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000

Games Today.

New York at Brooklyn.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.

New York	10	Cincinnati	10
Brooklyn	6	Chicago	6
St. Louis	7	Boston	7
Pittsburgh	0	Philadelphia	0

NAPLANDERS MAY MAKE TRADE FOR JENNINGS' PLAYER

Tiger Manager May Offer Moriarity for Jack Graney.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 12.—The Cleveland and Detroit clubs may engineer a swap of players before the Tigers leave here. Detroit needs an outfielder to help out Cobb and Crawford, Jones and Perry will not do.

Manager Jennings is anxious to secure Jack Graney, and it is believed will offer George Moriarity to Manager Davis for the fly chaser. Moriarity would be used at first, replacing Ed Hohnhorst.

To Inspect Course.

Accompanied by David Bruce-Brown and Ralph De Palma, the two famous automobile races, Fred J. Wagner, the veteran starter of the American Automobile Association, will next Tuesday inspect the proposed course of the Vanderbilt Cup race in Milwaukee.

HARVARD ATHLETE BREAKS RECORDS IN STRENGTH TEST

Leslie, Football Guard and Shot-Putter, Establishes Mark.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 12.—Harvard's strongest man is F. H. Leslie, 1912, of Milton, who, with 1,513 points, has broken all strength test records of the university, according to figures made public here. The points were scored under the system which has been in vogue since 1904.

Leslie played guard on the varsity football team last year, and is considered one of the Crimson's best shot-putters. None of his competitors in the strength tests exceeded 1,300. All candidates for Harvard's athletic teams have to make the tests every spring. This is the second time in Leslie's college career that he has ranked first in the tests. Last year he was beaten by "Fred" Huntington, the center of the football eleven. Leslie is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds.

TURNER-KILONIS MATCH INTERESTS WRESTLING PUBLIC

Clever Washington Grappler Has Recovered From Injury to Arm.

Probably no wrestling bout of the season has created so much interest as the match that is scheduled for tonight at the Gayety Theater when Joe Turner, the Washington boy who has been so successful this season against all comers, meets John Kilonis for the second time. Turner has been figuring but little in the wrestling game since his last encounter with Kilonis, he having received a severe injury to his arm at that time. The clever little grappler is now, however, quite over his difficulty, and he is expected of making a better showing against the Greek tonight.

Kilonis is acknowledged by those who have seen him perform to be among the best athletes with whom Turner has signed a league. During his sojourn here, the Greek has won twice from Montana and once from Turner. E. Lawrence Phillips has been agreed upon by both parties to referee the fray.

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LISTEN, Fans, never mind about the opening game. "Griff" is going to lift that cellar hoodoo from the Nationals—it's a one-two-three finish team for fair.

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